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DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

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PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY ATTENDS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR



Amityville, NY –Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory attended "The Goals and Success Seminar" on Monday, August 10 at the Wyandanch Public Library.

The Wyandanch Public Library, along with other community agencies, partnered with the Suffolk County Department of Labor to provide youths with summer and seasonal jobs. Over 50 at-risk teens from the Wyandanch community were in attendance.

"Always look ahead of you and not behind," Sylvia Archibald, Director of the Wyandanch Public Library advised the students. "Have faith in yourself, and you will be amazed at what you can achieve. Success may not always be easy but it will be worth it."

The event was organized by Wyandanch Public Library employee and former North Babylon resident Cyrinia Prendergast. "Growing up, I was able to have the opportunity to have my mother and friends speak to me about goals, and I realized that not everyone is able to have that chance," said Prendergast. "Therefore, I was inspired to put this event together for these students. I really just wanted to give back to the Wyandanch community." Ms. Prendergast is currently a student at North Carolina University.

"I applaud the initiative of Cyrinia Prendergast, Wyandanch Public Library Director Sylvia Archibald and all those whose efforts made today's event possible," said Presiding Officer Gregory. "It was very important to me to be able to speak to this group of young people and highlight the importance of staying on the right track and preparing for obstacles and challenges they may face on the way to achieving their goals."

Presiding Officer Gregory is pictured with the Director of the Wyandanch Public Library Sylvia Archibald and SCPD Deputy Commissioner Risco Mention-Lewis.

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